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WE HAVE SOMETHING DIFFERENT

In traveling about our wonderful country, one finds that American towns and cities are rapidly reaching a certain status of "stardardization." You can count on certain chain stores being on most every main street; on certain nationally distributed products being on every counter; certain minimum standards available in every rated motor court; certain dishes being available at every restaurant; certain standard regulations as to traffic; an increasing degree of sameness. This is not altogether bad, for the making of anything available on a national basis, whether it be a ranch-type home or a drive-in or a chain-store products, seurly means that that product has merit and appeal to the public.

However, it is also true that any town having "something to make it different" has a great asset. The little white steps in Baltimore — the Barbara Fretchie story in Frederick — the Alamo in San Antonio—the Government buildings in Washington — the Restoration at Williamsburg — the tobacco industry in Winston-Salem or Richmond — the University, the natural wonder, the shrine that makes any one town stand apart from the one down the road!

Appomattox has something no other town has! Many another town would be happy to have what we have, but they can't get it:—we have the McLean House and the sacred acres where our grandfathers made Peace in 1865 and united a great nation. Appomattox is the birthplace of Modern America.

It is wonderful to "keep up with the Joneses," and have the things that other towns have. We don't want anyone to get ahead of us.

But consider the fabulous possibilities involved in having something no other town can have, and for that something to be a shrine to peace and united strength and memory of sainted heroes!

The Times-Virginian is happy to note a gradual increase in interest at Appomattox itself in developing this great asset it has at its doorstep. There has long been a general interest over the nation in Appomattox. Here, for too long, we just took it for granted. Of immediate concern is an answer to the question of what Appomattox can do in 1957 to share as rightfully it should, in the welcome to the expected three million visitors who will come to Virginia next year during the Jamestown Festival. We should pool our efforts to think of an appropriate "tie-in" that will draw as many as possible of those visitors to Appomattox. And, also, around the corner, is the 100th Anniversary from 1961 to 1965 of the War Between the States. Appomattox must not wait too long and too late to prepare for that.

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CLEMENTS KEYNOTER

Governor Frank C. Clement, of Tennessee, has been named keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convntion at Chicago. Clement has been eaeger to serve in this capacity for some months, and his selection climaxes a long period of maneuvering by his friends, and by friends of Adlai Stevenson.

Clement is known to be a strong supporter of former Governor Stevenson and has been quoted as saying that Stevenson is the greateeset national party candidate ever to be denied the Presidency of the United States.

Chairman Paul Butler, of the Democratic National Committee, said that Clement was selected because he was well informed on the issues, particularly the farm isaue. Clement is also known to be a fiery and effective speaker, and it is thought that he will be able to lend color and pep to the Democratic Convention.

Governor Clement is only thirty-six years old, and is said to have Vice Presidential nomination ambitions. If he does, the reception given his speech at the National Convention will be highly important to him, and to the party.

The naming of Clement has another significance. It is somewhat of a rebuff for Senator Estes Kefauver, since Clement is definitely a Stevenson man, even though a fellow - Tennessean — Kefauver — is one of the candidates for the Democratic nomination.

The naming of Clement as keynoter is an important move in the Democratic Paryt's effort to win all of the South's electoral votes. We suspect the selection will not be without its effect in Dixie, and believe it is wise strategy on the part of the Democratic National Committee.

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TAX CUT COMING

The two billion dollar surplus reported by the Government as of June 30th, and the congressional slashes in some Administration requests for funds, such as foreign aid, indicate that tax reduction in 1957 is now a certainty.

The extent of this tax reduction will undoubtedly be determined by the state of the economy of the nation at the time, and business conditions. If, as a majority of economic experts now seem to believe, a business pick-up is experienced in November and December, the Administration might be reluctant to advocate extensive business tax decreases.

On the other hand, if business is somewhat of a recession, and the expected pick-up this fall is not experienced, tax reductions might be more liberal. In either event, it is likely that both business and the individual will get some relief.

We think relief is due in both cases.

The tax rate today is at such heights as to discourage initiative, in some cases, and is actualiy at wartime levels. Moreover, excise taxes, on such things as automobiles, should eventually be lowered in the interest of checking inflation, stimulating business and increasing production and sales.

The nature of the tax cut will, of course, be dependent upon the new Congress, whose composition will be decided in November.

Some hold to the belief that a Democratic victory in November will slant the tax reductions more toward individual income tax, and that a Republican victory will divide it more evenly between business and individuals. This will remain to be seen. There is also the strong chance of a Republican President and a Democratic Congress.

Excessive taxes in time of peace do not make for the upbuilding of industry and individual security which has always been the solid rock under our past ability to rise to heights in war.

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It is always helpful to newspaper reporters to have the help of local citizens who can tell them about events with which they are familiar.

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As a general rule, it is extremely difficult to settle the problems of people who live hundreds of miles away, although many of us coatinue to try it.

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SETBACK IN JAPAN

The United States has suffered another setback, which could be temporary, in its foreign policy. The Japanese have refused to elect a two-thirds majority of Conservative members to the upper house of the Japanese Parliament, and thereby have refused to clear the way for Japanese rearmament.

It will be remembered that the peace treaty and the constitution drawn up for Japan shortly after World War II, forbade Japanese rearmament. This provision in the constitution was designed to guard against a reemergence of an aggressive, militaristic Japan.

Since the end of the War, however, it has become evident that Japan is menaced by Communism and United States foreign policy has for years been designed to bring about gradual rearmament, so that this country could shift much of the burden of depending Japan to that country itself.

The conservatives who favor rearmament, need a two-thirds vote in the upper house to amend the constitution, and provide for rearmament. This election—earlier this month—was fought out on this issue.

Washington Notes

VET BENEFITS

From the Revolutionary War up to the present time, the Government has paid to veterans and their dependents more than $82,000,000,000. The VA explained that wartime service accounted for more than $81,000,000,000 of the total, with the remaining $1,000,000,000 going to peacetime veterans and their dependents.

TREE FARM MOVEMENT

The National Tree Farm Movement, aimed at growing and harvesting trees in this country so that there will always be an adequate source of wood pulp and lumber, now includes 42 states. The last two states to join were Vermont and Connecticut, bringing to more than 8,000 the number of tree farms certified by the American Forest Products Industries, Inc. and embracing nearly 39,000,000 acres.

POSTAL INCREASE

While Congress has engaged in much debate over the question of raising the cost of mailing a first-class letter from three to four cents, in addition to hikes in the rates on newspapers, magazines, books, and other classes of mail, it seems unlikely that such legislation will be passed in this session of Congress. However, such a hike would raise more than $432,000,000 yearly in postal revenue and would put the Post Office Department more nearly on a pay-as-you-go basis.

ADJOURNMENT

Congressional leaders are predicting that Congress will quit for the year sometime between July 21 and 28. A number of important measures are still awaiting Congressional action, but are expected to be taken care of before the end of this month.

BELL - BOTTOMED TROUSERS

Contrary to public expectations, the average Navy gob prefers the old-type sailor pants, with their buttoned front flap, to the new-type zippered models. Therefore, the Navy is scheduling a change-over to the traditional thirteen-button pants.

TYPEWRITERS

After a four-month test of a new "simplified" typewriter keyboard, the General Services Administration has announced that Government typists will continue to use standard typewriter keyboards for some time to come. The test did not support claims that the "simplified" keyboard would increase the average typists's output by 35 per cent. By the way, the Government has about 800,000 typewriters.

DEBT INTEREST

Estimates are that the interest on the national debt for 1957 fiscal year will be $7,066,024,769. This is more than three times as much as all expenditures by the Federal Government in 1917, and exceeds the total spent by the Government in two successive fiscal years, 1922 and 1923, and is only a little less than all expenditures in 1938.

NEW HIGHWAY TAXES

The new taxes on gasoline and other items for highway users went up on midnight, June 30, to help finance an immediate start on the nation's biggest road-building program. The present 5 cents a pound tax on tires goes up to 8 cents; retread rubber will be taxed for the first time at 3 cents a pound; the manufacturer's excise tax on trucks, busses and truck-trailers goes up from eight to ten per cent, and truckers must pay $1.50 a year per 1,000 pounds for any truck weighing 26,000 or more. These new taxes are expected to yield an estimated $14,800,000,000 in the sixteen years.

WELL, WILL IT?

Omaha, Neb.- Local postoffice officials were posed with a real question recently. A clerk weighing a letter for a woman patron handed it back to her with the comment it was too heavy and would need another stamp. "Well," shrugged the woman, "how will putting another stamp on it make it lighter?"

In spite of the progress that has been made in controlling insects, it is estimated that in the United States their loss damage and the cost of control amount to four billion dollars annually.

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Lesson for July 22, 1956

MAN is not made for loneliness. He not only feels incomplete in circumstances force him for to live alone; he is actually complete. It is only through exchange with others that we arrive at our true selves. People who never thought this through

Dr. Foreman

put it by a kind of accident. That is why there are factory towns and societies and fraternal groups of all imaginable sorts in the world. Even when an organization has no real important purpose for its existence, its members just like to get together.

Great Company

Great groups of human beings, the greatest is the "great company" we call the Church. Belonging to it is more than joining another organization. It is more than being denomination, more than any long list of members, even if it put all the members of all the churches into one master-list. The letter to the Hebrews, thinking of the heroes of faith, does not think them as past-and-gone saints. They live now; they are the great cloud of witnesses"—the cheering grandstand, we may dare to say whose presence our own race runs run. They are living members of the Fraternity of Faith. Those who have dreamed God's dream after him, all who have lived beyond their times to the merely city yet to be, all who have toiled to make this world a more like the world of God's creation, who have by faith seen what God promised and greeted it afar; these make up the company to which every man and woman is invited; these are the torch-bearers, the builders, to join a fellowship every Christian man Men of faith often have been the lonely lives; they can be misunderstood, imprisoned, tortured and killed; but they take part, knowing that they do not stand alone.

Walking With the Heroes

Some persons, precise accounting of belief is what makes a Christian. Surely accuracy of belief is a good thing. To say the least of it, there is no point in believing what isn't so, or not believing what is so. But from the viewpoint of this letter to the Hebrews, indeed from the standpoint of Jesus himself, accuracy of belief and completeness of understanding are not the last word in what makes a Christian. Faith, in the way the word meets us in the eleven 11th chapter of Hebrews, is not voting "aye" to a set of propositions. Faith is doing something for man and God. It can be phrased in the slogan, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." Faith of this enlarging, robust kind is more than thinking, it is doing. It is doing too; faith certainly is no substitute for thought. Reading the roster of the men and women the writer to the Hebrews lists in his hall of faith, one finds them not just ahead, working, fighting, not blindly but with the determination that comes from a thinking mind. Heroes think, plan, believe, but also heroes DO. It is something that makes them heroic. The Great Company is a marching, fighting company, marching God's orders, fighting God's battles.

Heroes?

Thinking about such things, and about men, has put iron into the souls of many weaker men and women struggling through their battles on this earth. But it is a discouraging side, too. These men—Abraham, Moses, all the rest and all the others that Christ history can name—these heroes of faith were supermen, we feel, Quite out of our class. In such company, many a humble Christian looks like a boy who can't do even arithmetic being elected by his teacher to a Mathematical Society; a boy twelve years old suddenly finding himself in the middle of a football game between the Texas and Texas. It's embarrassing. But no—that is a mistake. The men named to that Roll-Call of Faith were not really supermen. Indeed, some of them were so small that they tried to resign before they could be elected. By goodness they would have been more remarkable than ourselves. For after all, it was not their faith, or their character, or their power, that made them; it was the God in whom they had faith, who made them. And God still makes men!

Garden Talk

By
Appomattox Garden Club

Let's talk about building and maintaining a compost pile. Although many people have one, and realize the importance of keeping the balance of fertility of their soil, there are many who burn their leaves in fall, rake and burn all unsightly stalks, etc., and put all the perishable, smelly peelings and rinds either in the garbage disposal unit or the garbage pail.

The cycle that trees and shrubs start by growing leaves during the summer and dropping them in the fall is completed in woodlands by the gradual decomposition of the leaves on the ground, and their absorption by the soil. Then tree and sprout roots reach into the naturally created soil to get the nourishment that grows new leaves. But the deep layer of debris that covers the ground in woodlands is not practical or desirable to those who try to create a beautiful and tidy yard or garden. Even grass clippings are caught up and thrown away instead of leaving them and letting them go back into the soil to produce more healthy grass.

The only way we can keep the values of this wasted material is to keep it all in a compost heap until it has decayed and become a dark brown, almost black, "rich dirt" like our grandmothers got from the woods to use for window boxes and flower pots. Its content brings stored energy to garden soils, and at the same time helps the soil assimulate other elements present to make them available as plant food. It lightens clayey soil, holds moisture as an efficient mulch, and produces more brilliant flowers, and more luscious vegetables. Students of Organic Gardening claim that vegetables and fruits are more healthful when grown without the use of chemical fertilizers.

We remember the stories of the Indians putting several dead fish into each hill of corn (or maize). And history tells of the shiftless farmers who planted corn on small fields year after year without putting manure or other humus back into the soil, and "workin' it to death" till it would not even grow "nubbins." The loss of waste vegetation can be a tragedy.

There are several methods of building a compost pile, some demanding much cost, preparation, the use of many chemicals, to cause decomposition. The simplest one, however, is as follows:

Prepare some kind of bin, fenced area, or space enclosed by brick or cinder blocks. In the fall fill this bin with layers of leaves, ashes, from wood fires, grass clippins, sod edging, soil lime and a dusting of a complete plant food or fertilizer. Agricultural lime is good. Water thoroughly and keep the pile moist. Keep it covered with a layer of soil or ashes, to keep the material from drying out. Loosen the pile occasionally with a crow-bar, or some such tool, to allow air to circulate through the mass. Add from time to time all garbage that will decompose, even egg shells. If you sprinkle with soil and add a sprinkling of fertilizer from time to time, the heap will not be unsightly, and will provide a fine source of available humus.

No matter how worthwhile the use of compost in the garden might seem, some gardeners may feel that the year necessary to bring fresh garden into condition for practical use is too long to wait. However, once you have a compost pile started, new materials can be started in a second heap, and alternately this material becomes available for use.

In sifting the compost at time of use, return sticks and other unrotted material to the green pile you are building up. There will probably be many earthworms in the old compost pile, and it is a good idea to return them to the new heap. Their efforts can help speed the decomposition of the green materials going into the bin.

Leaf mold from the old compost heap can be used for potting house plants. A combination of one part sand, one part leaf mold, and one part soil makes a rich mixture excellent for indoor gardening.

Be a good conservationist and a conscientious organic gardener.

Save every clipping, cabbage leaf, and peach peeling. You will be doing your soil a service and it will richly reward you.

BETTER FACILITIES AT BUCKROE BEACH

Richmond.- A new kiddie ride and more picnic area, plus remodeled motels and other improvements, are greeting the visitor to Buckroe Beach this year.

The excursion visitors to the beach will find that 40 new tables have been added in the picnic area near the pavilion, making enough now, according to an inquiry by the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, for 1,200 persons. The additional tables are located under a sheltered area, over which the airplane ride stands.

The Navy is returning to the button-front, lace-back sailor pants that were traditional until 1948.

Health and Beauty

It is very important to take good care of your beauty aids. Have you taken a good olok at the articles on your dressing table lately? Is your brush and comb shining clean? Does the powder puff look dingy? Has some of your nail polish become too thick to do a good job with?

The best and the easiest way to clean a comb and brush is to fill the wash basin half-full of warm water and add about a quarter of a cup of ammonia. Soak the comb and brush in the solution for a short time, and the dirt and oil will dissolve. Rinse thoroughly with clear warm water. Try to keep your hands from coming in contact with the ammonia solution. It is drying and a great number of people are allergic to ammonia.

Dry your brush in the sun when ever you can. Let it stand with the bristles down so that the moisture will run off.

A soiled powder puff can cause blemishes. Wash the puff in warm soapsuds, using a fingernail brush to scrub the very dirty spots. To dry, pin the puff to the curtain at a sunny window, so that air can circulate through both sides. When dry, raise the nap on the puff by brushing with a stiff brush. A puff should be washed at least twice each week. If you have any trouble with your skin, use a clean puff every day.

Thick nail polish can be made usable by thinning with polish remover or a liquid made for that purpose. If the cap on the bottle sticks, run very hot water over the top for a few minutes and it will loosen.

If the stopper of a perfume bottle sticks, place the bottle in the refrigerator for a few hours. The cold atmosphere will loosen the stopper and it will come out with ease.

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The open season on squirrels in Giles and Grayson Counties by Chapter 551 of the Acts of the Assembly of 1956 will be September 15 to October 15; and then from November 19 to January 1.

ERROR FATAL TO 5

Gonzales, Texas.- Picking up a can of what she thought to be water, to douse a blaze on a hot cook stove, Mrs. John Gevera realized too late that the can was filled with gasoline. The resulting burst of fire took the lives of five persons, including Mrs. Gevera, and destroyed the house.

Hixburg

Hixburg, July 17.- Carl Glover is training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

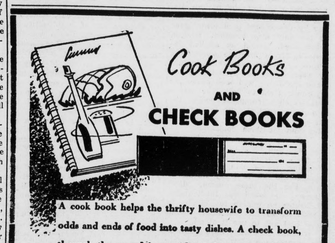
Miss Carrie Hix is spending some time in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Crote Carson, Linda and Tommy, of Richmond, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson.

Mrs. H. Winston Ferguson, mother of Mrs. Henry Covington, continues to be quite ill, after a stroke last Sunday.

Miss Kitty Watkins, of Farmville and Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, of Lynchburg visited Miss Maggie Hix on Friday.

The revival at Hixburg Presbyterian Church closed on Friday evening. It was virtually a homecoming. So many former Hixburgers were on hand. A strong spirit of Christian fellowship prevailed. More time meeting and talking with old friends was spent in the church yard than in the church. Affiliating churches were Prospect Methodist, Olive Branch Methodist, Elon Baptist, Liberty Baptist, Hollywood and Rocks Baptist.



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